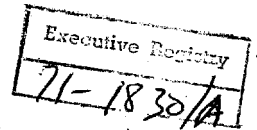




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The Honorable Elmer B. Staats
Comptroller General of the United States
General Accounting Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Elmer:

Early last month you invited CIA participation in a study on the cost of Soviet research and development. This in turn was in response to a query from Senator McIntyre. I have looked into this in some detail and regret that I must ask to be excused. The methodology and sources of much of the material we use are of such a sensitive nature that I do not feel we should participate.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director

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[Redacted Signature]

Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

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